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1. A ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL OF DECEMBER 28 ENTITLED
"WHAT'S THEIR BAG" NAMES BOLESLAW SULIK AND ADAM MICHNIK
AS AMONG "ANTI-POLISH ACTIVISTS" RECENTLY DETAINED BY
SCOTLAND YARD. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT BOTH MEN
WOULD LIKE TO DISTURB THE "BEAUTIFUL TRADITION" AND
"SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPING COOPERATION" BETWEEN POLAND AND
GREAT BRITAIN.

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2. IN THE EDITORIAL, SULIK IS SAID TO BE AN UNSUCCESSFUL
FILM ENTREPRENEUR, AND ALLUSIONS ARE MADE TO HIS PAST
DIFFICULTIES WITH POLISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. MOREOVER,
THE EDITORIAL QUESTIONS WHY THE BRITISH PRESS DESCRIBES
ADAM MICHNIK AS A "YOUNG HISTORIAN". IT GOES ON TO SAY

THAT HE WAS KNOWN AS A TROUBLE-MAKER AMONG STUDENTS IN MARCH, 1968, BUT QUICKLY FORGOTTEN.

3. THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT ADAM, "SO INTERESTED IN DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE," COULD FIND OUT A GREAT DEAL FROM HIS BROTHER STEFAN, A PUBLICIST FOR THE PARIS-BASED "KULTURA", WHO REPORTEDLY SPENT THE EARLY 1950'S METING OUT INJUSTICE FROM A "RESPONSIBLE LEGAL POSITION" IN POLAND.

4. COMMENT: THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY ATTACK IS SIMILAR TO MEDIA CRITICISM OF OTHER DISSIDENTS SUCH AS STEFAN KISIELEWSKI AND JERZY ANDRZEJEWSKI (REFS A AND B). WHILE THE POLISH PRESS HAS CALLED FOR "IDENTIFICATION" OF THE VOICES WHICH "PROMOTE TENSIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE FATHERLAND" (REF C), THERE IS STILL NO INDICATION THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AGAINST THE MAJOR DISSENTING VOICES IN POLAND.

END COMMENT.

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